



# THE BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### [SENATE AGREES TO \\$1 BILLION FOR TRIBAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS](#)

AIRBlog 07/15/08

The U.S. Senate late Friday afternoon agreed to vote next week on a spending-bill amendment pushed by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., to authorize \$1 billion over five years to strengthen and expand Native American criminal justice programs. Thune and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., want to add spending authorization for up to \$2 billion over five years for both the criminal justice and safety programs and Native American water projects.

### [RISING GAS PRICES AFFECT POWWOW CIRCUIT](#)

By JODI RAVE - Lee Enterprises - 07/17/08



Photo by Michael Gallacher, Missoulian - Tawnya Phillips, Jahmilah Seymour and Darien Carson, from left, came all the way from the Colville Indian Reservation in Washington to attend the Arlee Powwow earlier this month. Because of high gas prices many who

follow the powwow circuit are staying closer to home or car pooling to help defray the cost.

ARLEE — Johnny Sam had to make a choice between driving 408 miles to sing and dance at a powwow in Montana or staying home and saving gas.

### [REPORT: DRUG USE HIGHEST AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS](#)

By MARY CLARE JALONICK - Associated Press - 07/17/08

WASHINGTON — A new Department of Justice report says American Indian substance abuse levels are higher than those for any other demographic group, with marijuana the most widely available drug on reservations.

### [BAUCUS ASKS FOR PROBE INTO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE](#)

By The Associated Press - 07/17/08

WASHINGTON (AP) — Montana Sen. Max Baucus has asked for a government investigation into the troubled Indian Health Service and how it allocates its resources around the country.

### [TRIBAL LEADERS SPLIT ON SEX OFFENDER LAW](#)

By JODI RAVE – The Missoulian - 07/18/08

A looming federal deadline that requires tribes to track and register sex offenders in their communities was both embraced and denounced by tribal leaders in a Senate hearing on Thursday.

### **SENATOR: GLOBAL AIDS BILL TO INCLUDE \$2B FOR TRIBES**

By MARY CLARE JALONICK - Associated Press - 07/16/08

WASHINGTON — A bill designed to combat AIDS globally is expected to include \$2 billion for American Indians, according to South Dakota Sen. John Thune.

### **GIANT SHELBY-AREA WIND FARM GEARS UP**

By KARL PUCKETT • Tribune Staff Writer • July 18, 2008

Spain-based NaturEner, a renewable-energy company that recently entered the North American market, officially broke ground Thursday on the first phase of a 210-megawatt wind farm on the hills between Cut Bank and Shelby.

### **MONTANA ANGEL INVESTOR NETWORK INITIATIVE TAKES WING**

MATR July 14, 2008

Entrepreneurs play an increasingly important role in Montana's economic development because entrepreneurs drive business innovation across all sectors. Governor Schweitzer recognizes that entrepreneurs in Montana face many common challenges, including developing business acumen and making connections with experts and mentors. But often the greatest challenge is raising capital. Angel investors are stepping in to fill the gap for many startups with emerging

technologies that are frequently viewed as too risky for banks and other financing.

## **JOB VACANCIES:**

**BANK EXAMINER (2 POSITIONS),** POSITION #61103623 and #61103611, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena and Billings. Salary \$32,533 to \$58,560 DOQ. This position examines banks to determine financial and operating condition. Extensive overnight travel required. For a complete vacancy announcements contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=351](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=351) and [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=349](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=349)  
Application deadline: Open until filled applicants encouraged to apply by Monday August 18, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER,** POSITION #61166229, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$53,332 to \$66,665 DOQ. The position is responsible for setting agency-wide human resource strategy in areas such as: personnel policy development and interpretation, conflict and grievance resolution, employee relations, classification and pay, performance management, training and development, recruitment and selection, EEO, ADA, workplace safety, leave administration including FMLA, FLSA, employee discipline and compliance with federal and state employment laws. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=353](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=353)  
Application deadline: Friday August 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**SABHRS SECURITY PROGRAMMER/ANALYST** POSITION #61166769, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$38,778 to \$48,472 DOQ. This position is responsible for technical and functional support of the security application of PeopleSoft HRMS applications used by all state agencies. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=350](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=350)  
Application deadline: Wednesday August 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**NETWORK OPERATIONS ANALYST,** POSITION #61166134, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$39,036 to \$48,794 DOQ. This position independently oversees the operational activities of the data center for the assigned shift. Shifts operate from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. 4 days per week to include one weekend day. Application deadline: Monday August 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=358](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=358)

**COMPUTER PROGRAMMER (2 POSITIONS),** POSITION #61166750, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,157 to \$50,196 DOQ. This position provides technical production support for the State's PeopleSoft Human Resource Management System (HRMS) databases and software modules. Application deadline: Wednesday August 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=355](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=355)

**GROUNDKEEPER,** POSITION #61166233, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary

\$22,880. This position is responsible for year around grounds maintenance duties including irrigation systems and snow and ice removal for the Capitol Complex. Application deadline: Monday August 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=356](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=356)

**PROGRAM SPECIALIST**, POSITION #61166822, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$27,398 to \$34,248 DOQ. This position is responsible for custodial contract administration and maintaining and coordinating the recycling program for state agencies. Application deadline: Monday August 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=357](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=357)

**HUMAN RESOURCE ASSISTANT**, POSITION #61166346, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Wage \$10.80 to \$13.50 DOQ. Permanent/Part-time. Provides technical assistance and advice to administrators, employees and the general public in areas relating to personnel, payroll and benefit administration. Application deadline: Monday August 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=354](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=354).

**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SPECIALIST 54155010 | Band: B6 | Helena | Open until filled**  
This position provides professional development, implementation, and management of occupational safety and health, employee safety, and risk management programs for the agency at the district level. Serves as the district expert on the implementation and administration of safety programs; interpretation of safety regulations; safety awareness; safety training, and safety compliance. This is a shared position for Billings and Glendive Districts. Residence will be determined at time of hire. For a complete listing and to apply, please see us at [www.mdt.mt.gov](http://www.mdt.mt.gov)

## EVENTS/TRAINING:

### WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN COUNTRY METH INITIATIVE National Advertisement Campaign

Please visit NCAI's National Indian Country Methamphetamine Initiative webpage at <http://www.ncai.org/meth/>. NCAI is pleased to announce the completion of the national advertisement campaign against methamphetamine in Indian Country. NCAI is proud of the campaign's positive, empowering message and looks forward to using the ads as a tool to fight meth in Indian communities.

**These advertisements are for distribution in your community and we encourage you to distribute widely. Please contact your tribal newspaper or local radio station to make sure they are aware of them.**

### NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION STUDY - PART II: THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 AND 8

Click on the link above to see a report about the educational, home, and community experiences of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) fourth- and eighth-grade students collected during the National Indian Education Study (NIES) of 2007. AI/AN students represent about 1 percent of the student population in the United States. Approximately 10,000 AI/AN students in 1,700 schools at grade 4 and 11,000 AI/AN students from 1,800 schools at grade 8 participated in the study. Surveys were completed by students, their teachers, and their school administrators.

## GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

### TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM PLANNING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT (DPHHS/ IHS)

**Description:** The purpose of the program is to award cooperative agreements that provide planning resources to Tribes interested in participating in the Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP) as authorized by Title V, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of Public Law (Pub. L.) 93-638, as amended.

### URBAN INDIAN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM GRANT (DPHHS/IHS)

**Description-** Authority: Title V, Indian Health Care Improvement Act, as amended (25 U.S.C. 1652, 1654, and 1655), and Section 301(a) of the Public Health Service Act.) Purpose: The Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) has designated funds for an urban Indian organization to act as an education and research partner for the Urban Indian health programs funded.

### DEQ OFFERING GRANTS FOR NON POINT SOURCE WATER POLLUTION PROJECTS

Helena -The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is issuing a Fiscal Year 2009 Call for Grant Applications under Section 319(h) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

Section 319(h) are funds for projects which are distributed competitively to support the most effective and highest priority projects to address Non Point Source (NPS) water pollution. There are three categories for competitive projects; Watershed Restoration, Ground Water Protection / Restoration, and Education and Outreach

The DEQ is soliciting project proposals from eligible applicants to further Montana's NPS Program goals. Montana's primary goal is to protect clean water and restore water bodies that are impaired by NPS that do not meet state water quality standards. Protection of clean water that meets or exceeds standards is accomplished through the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs), and the application of education and outreach activities.

All applicants must submit a "draft" application by October 31, 2008 with "final" applications being due on December 31, 2008. Successful applicants will be announced after the DEQ 319 Review Panel meets on January 21, 2009.

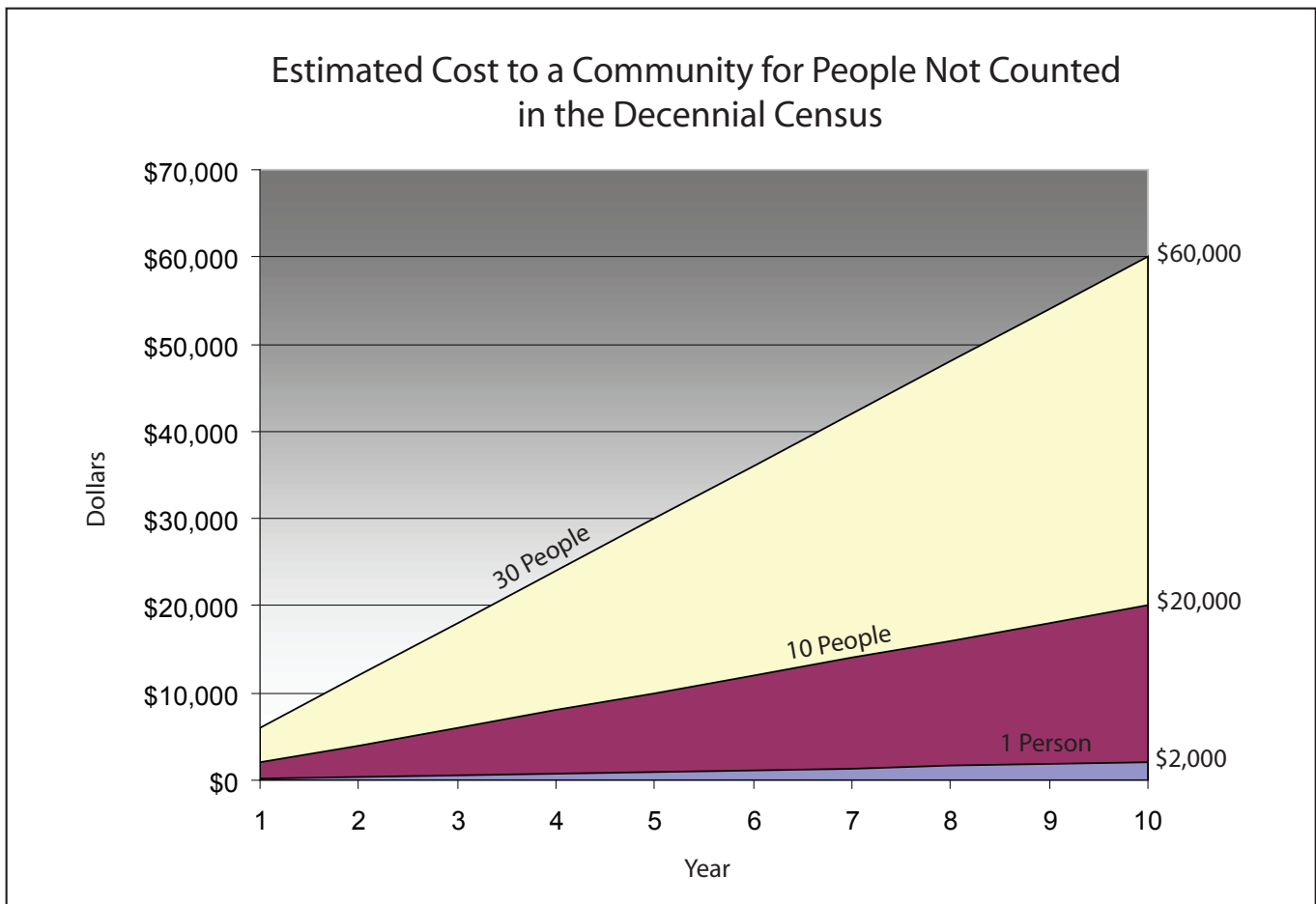
DEQ is also sponsoring two 319 Grant Writing Workshops. The workshops are open to the public and anyone interested in submitting an application is encouraged to attend. The workshops will be August 19, 2008 at the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region II Headquarters at 3201 Spurgin RD in Missoula MT from 9:00 - 4:30 and August 21, 2008 at the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region III Headquarters at 1400 S. 19th in Bozeman MT from 9:00 - 4:30.

For more information on the 319 Call for Grants Applications or the 319 Workshops, please contact: Rob Rung, Grants Coordinator, DEQ Support Services Section, at (406) 444-6756 or by e-mail at [rrung@mt.gov](mailto:rrung@mt.gov) or visit the DEQ website at [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

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We all want to see Montana receive its fair share of approximately \$280 billion in federal funds which are distributed to state and local governments each year by formula - using the decennial census population counts as a factor.

The U.S. Census Bureau now estimates that for every person who is not counted, the community misses \$200 per year in federal and state funding. Multiply that \$200 by 10 years and it quickly becomes a significant amount of money.

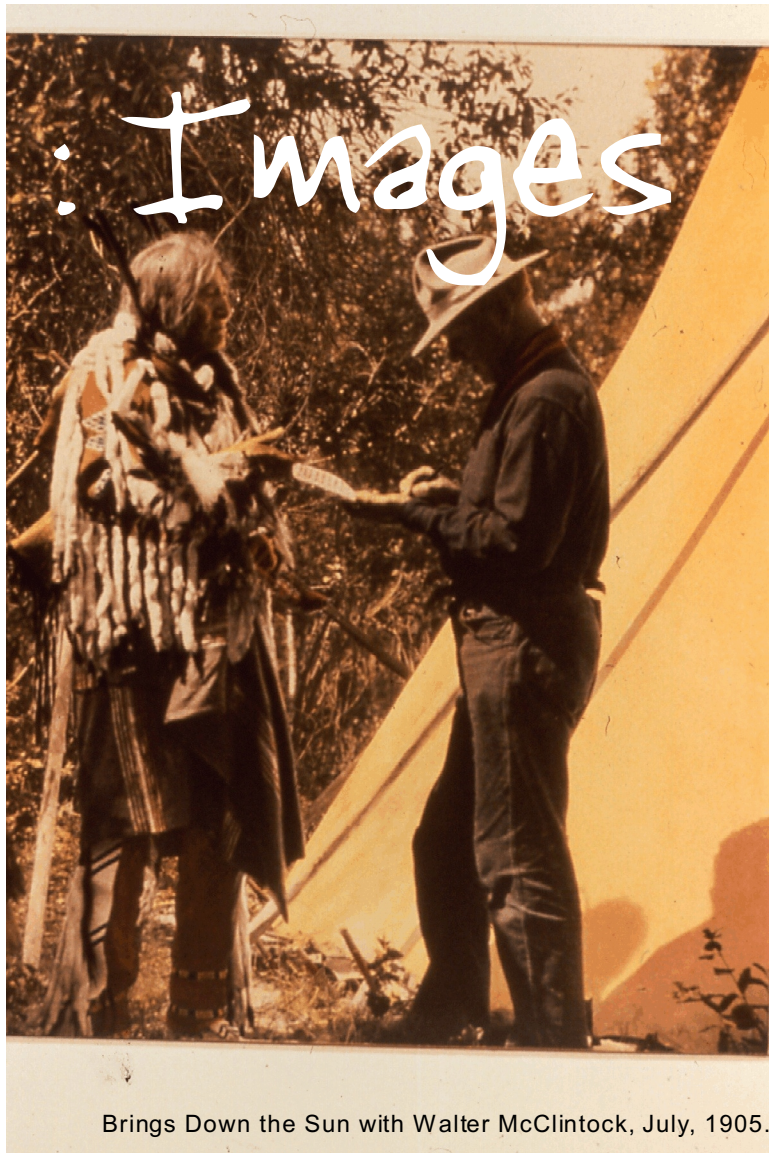


The U.S. Census Bureau is offering a chance to help us help ourselves by participating in the LUCA program. LUCA is open to all levels of government and open to many levels of participation. Every effort helps.

Can you help the Census Bureau find 10 additional people in your community?

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# Síwaaki : : Images



Brings Down the Sun with Walter McClintock, July, 1905.

A history conference with presentations by academic scholars and knowledgeable community members exploring the impact of images created by photographers and artists of the Black-feet.

Friday, August 22, 2008

10:00am to 4:00pm

Cuts Wood School, Browning, Montana

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